

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Department – PR&RD Department – Sri K. Venkataratnam, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Podalakur, Nellore District and now retired – Committed irregularities in execution of works relating to the formation of road from Aldurthy to Naroor and certain other works in Podalakur Mandal in Nellore District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Imposition of Penalty of recovery of an amount of Rs.88,845.29 ps from pensionary benefits on Sri K. Venkataratnam, Dy.EE, PR (Retd.) towards loss caused to Government – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Vig.IA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1365

Dated:13-09-2010.

Read the following:

1. From the General Administration (V&E) Department, Report No.356/V&E.E2/97-2, Dt. 18.12.1998.
2. Govt. Memo No.486/Estt.I(1)/99-9, PR&RD (Estt.I) Dept., Dated: 16.4.1999.
3. From Sri K. Venkataratnam, DEE representation dated: 10.5.1999.
4. G.O.Rt.No.619, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt. 28.4.2007.
5. From Sri M. Rama Murthy, CE, PR, V&QC, Lr.No.QC8/NLR/Enquiry Report/07, dt. 7.12.2007.
6. Govt. Memo No.161/Vig.IA/2001-27, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt. 10.7.2008.
7. From Sri K. Venkata Ratnam, Dy.EE, PR (Retd.), Representation Dated: 23.5.2009.
8. Govt. Memo No.161/Vig.IA/2001-28, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt. 4.12.2009.
9. From Sri K. Venkata Ratnam, Dy.EE, PR (Retd.), Representation Dated: 15.3.2010.
10. Govt. Letter No.161/Vig.IA/2001-29, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Department, Dated:19.5.2010.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.880/RT-I/1/2010, Dated: 20.7.2010.

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**ORDER:**

In the Government Memo 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the following charges were framed against Sri K. Venkataratnam, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Podalakur, Nellore District (now retired), with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:-

**Charge-I:-**

That the said Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) (Retd.), while working as Dy. Exe. Engineer, P.R., Podalakur, Nellore district derelicted his duties for his personal gain and prepared fresh estimates for the work formation of road from Althurthi to Nellore in (3) bits @ Rs.5.00 lakhs/each costing Rs.15.00 lakhs under J.B even there is already sanctioned work under R.R.M. grant for Rs.5.00 lakhs and work was partly executed with a fraudulent view and prepared ground for misappropriation of Rs.6.50 lakhs as Govt. share.

**Charge-II:-**

That the said Sri K. Venkataratnam Dy. Exe. Engr., (PR) Retd., while working as Dy. Exe. Engr., PR, Podalakur, Nellore district derelicted his duties for his personal gain by allowing fraudulent measurements in road "formation and gravelling the road from Navoorpalli to Althurthi from KM 0/0 to 5/2 KM to a tune of Rs.1,75,217.45 sanctioned under Janmabhoomi programme. Due to his fraudulent measurement, the loss caused to Government as 50% share was of Rs.87,608.72/-.

**Charge-III:-**

That the said Sri K. Venkataratnam Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R., Retd., while working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR., Podalakur derelicted his legitimate duties for his personal gain by allowing fraudulent measurements in excution of work improvements to Bathinagunta tank of Mogaluru (V), Podalakur Mandal to a tune of Rs.1,50,047.47, taking under J.B. Due to which a loss of Rs.75,024/- caused to Department as 50% share.

(p.t.o.)

2. In the representation 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Charged Officer Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.) has submitted his Written Statement of Defence and after examining the same, in the G.O. 4<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have appointed Sri M. Rama Murthy, Chief Engineer, PR, V&QC as Enquiry Officer for conducting regular enquiry in this matter. The Superintending Engineer, PR, Nellore was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Enquiry Officer on behalf of the disciplinary authority. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his enquiry report holding that the charges framed against the Charged Officer as partially proved. In the Government Memo 6<sup>th</sup> read above, a copy of the enquiry report was communicated to Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.), directing him to submit his representation if any on the findings of the Inquiring Authority. In the representation 7<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.) has submitted his explanation.

3. Government, after careful examination of the explanation submitted by Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.) and the Enquiry Report, have decided to impose the penalty of recovery of an amount of Rs.88,845.29 ps. on Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.) in this matter. Accordingly, in the Government Memo 8<sup>th</sup> read above, a show cause notice was issued to Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.), directing him to show cause as to why a penalty of recovery of an amount of Rs.88,845.29 ps. from his pensionary benefits should not imposed on him. In the representation 9<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.) has submitted his explanation.

4. Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided to impose the penalty of recovery of Rs.88,845.29 Ps. from the pensionary benefits on Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.) in this matter.. Accordingly, in the letter 10<sup>th</sup> read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission was consulted for their concurrence on proposal of the Government to impose the penalty of recovery of Rs.88,845.29 Ps. from the pensionary benefits on Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.) in this matter.

5. In the letter 11<sup>h</sup> read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has agreed with the proposal of the Government to impose the penalty of recovery of Rs.88,845.29 Ps. from the pensionary benefits on Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.) in this matter.

6. Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided and accordingly, hereby impose the penalty of recovery of Rs.88,845.29 Ps. from the pensionary benefits on Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R. (Retd.) in this matter.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.V.P.C. SASTRY  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K. Venkataratnam Deputy Executive Engineer, P.R., Podalakur, Nellore District (Retd.) through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The General Administration (V&E) Department, BRKR Buildings, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER